

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7500

Petition of New England Power Company, d/b/a)
National Grid, for a Certificate of Public Good pursuant)
to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, for the so-called G-33)
Transmission Line Refurbishment Project, involving)
20.3 miles, in the Towns of Rockingham, Westminster,)
Putney, Dummerston and Brattleboro, Vermont)

Order entered: 3/25/2011

ORDER APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO CONSTRUCTION PLANS

On August 3, 2010, the Public Service Board ("Board") issued a Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") to New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid, ("NEP") authorizing the refurbishment of the G-33 transmission line in the towns of Rockingham, Westminster, Putney, Dummerston and Brattleboro, Vermont. Condition 3 of the Order and Condition 1 of the CPG provide that:

Construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project shall be in accordance with the plans and evidence as submitted in these proceedings. Any material deviation from these plans must be approved by the Board.¹

On January 20, 2011, NEP filed assessment data and details reflecting modifications in the proposed project's access and construction plans. NEP has proposed to use one of the following three access alternatives:

Alternative Access from Cemetery Road - includes improving an existing access way from the end of a public street (Cemetery Road in Westminster) to the project right-of-way should NEP successfully obtain access rights from the underlying property owners; or

Alternative Access from Covered Bridge Road - includes replacing an 1,800 foot-long proposed existing access road with an 1,100 foot-long existing road (Zig-Zag Road in Westminster) over which NEP currently has permanent access rights should NEP not obtain access rights to Cemetery Road; or

1. Order of 8/3/10 at 29; CPG of 8/3/10 at 1.

Alternative Access Along the Right-of-Way — includes adding a 225 foot-long section of a new access route along the right-of-way between poles 27 and 28 in Westminster should NEP not obtain access rights to Cemetery Road.

In its January 20 filing, NEP stated that the proposed modifications will not pose any potential for undue adverse impact under the relevant 30 V.S.A. § 248 criteria and will be consistent with the requirements of the August 8, 2010 Order. NEP's January 20 filing included memoranda addressing the impacts to historic sites, archaeological resources, and the natural environment. NEP requested that the Board approve the modifications to the proposed project.

On February 11, 2011, the Board requested comment on the proposed modifications. No party filed comments.

The Board approves the modifications to the construction plans filed on January 20, 2011, for the refurbishment of the G-33 transmission line, and thus construction on the proposed project may commence with the proposed modifications.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 25th day of March, 2011.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: March 25, 2011

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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Appeal of this decision to the Supreme Court of Vermont must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within thirty days. Appeal will not stay the effect of this Order, absent further Order by this Board or appropriate action by the Supreme Court of Vermont. Motions for reconsideration or stay, if any, must be filed with the Clerk of the Board within ten days of the date of this decision and order.